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S/SUBJECT: STATUS OF US - CANADIAN APPLICATION FOR
EUROPEAN GROUP MEMBERSHIP

1. PROGRAM COMMISSION CONSIDERED SUBJECT ISSUE OCT.
22. SESSION CHARACTERIZED BY PREDICTABLE FRENCH OP-
POSITION TO US - CANADIAN APPLICATION BASED ON FRENCH
VIEW THAT GEOGRAPHICAL CONSIDERATION WAS PRIMARY OB-
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STACLE TO MEMBERSHIP. FRENCH ALSO MADE POINTED' IF

GENERALLY UNSPECIFIC, REFERENCES TO CONSIDERATION OF PRESERVING CULTURAL AUTHENTICITY AND DANGEROUS PRECEDENT THAT US-CANADIAN ENTRY MIGHT SET.

2. PERMDEL BUTTONHOLING ON FLOOR ELICITED STRONG (FRG, ITALY, UK) TO MILDER (SPAIN, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY) INTERVENTIONS FROM EUROPEANS IN FAVOR US-CANADIAN ENTRY.

3. MAJOR COMPLICATING FACTOR WAS SOVIET AND ISRAELI APPLICATIONS RESPECTIVELY FOR ASIAN AND EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP SO THAT JAMAICAN SUGGESTION FOR CREATION OF WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION THAT WOULD INCLUDE US, CANADA, SOVIET UNION AND OTHER MEMBER STATES NOT YET OFFICIALLY IN REGIONAL GROUPS WAS SETTLED UPON AS COMPROMISE ALTERNATIVE TO VOTE ON SEPARATE US-CANADIAN RESOLUTIONS.

4. INDEED CHINESE OBJECTIONS TO SOVIET ENTRY INTO ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP WAS BY FAR THE SHARPEST CONFRONTATION OF MEETING. JAPANESE AND OTHER ASIANS OPPOSED PRINCIPLE OF A MEMBER STATE BELONGING TO TWO REGIONS BUT WILL ABSTAIN ON VOTE RE SOVIET. CHINESE AFTER SOME HAGGLING OVER PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION STATED SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

5. WORKING GROUP WILL INCLUDE UK, URUGUAY, ALGERIA, INDONESIA, SWITZERLAND AND BULGARIA. WG WILL LIKELY HAVE NEW RESOLUTION TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION THIS FRIDAY OR BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.

6. LATEST WORD IS THAT FRENCH HAVE SUBMITTED DRAFT RESOLUTION, TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE, WHICH APPARENTLY SEEKS POSTPONE ISSUE TO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN FAVOR RE-EXAMINATION BASIC CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP. HOWEVER, PERMDEL AND CANADIANS DO NOT SEE LIKELIHOOD THAT STALLING TACTIC WILL SUCCEED. STONE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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